

REMARKS

We are in receipt of the Office Action dated November 6, 2003, and the following remarks are made in light thereof.

Claims 1-41 are pending in the application. Claims 1-13 are allowed, which Applicant gratefully acknowledges. Claims 14-41 are rejected for obviousness over Yamazaki et al. 5,365,080 in view of Yamazaki et al. 5,627,084, or Yamazaki et al. '080 in view of Yamazaki et al. '084 and further in view of Kato et al. 5,589,406.

The present application discloses that the wavelength of the laser beam to be used to irradiate the amorphous semiconductor film in the first instance should be from 126 to 370 nm, which causes the laser beam to be absorbed in an amorphous silicon film and in a polycrystalline silicon film to the same extent. Further, the wavelength of the laser beam to be used for the subsequent irradiation is to be from 370-650 nm, which results in the laser beam being absorbed more in an amorphous silicon film than in a polycrystalline film. (See the specification, page 16, lines 12-19.) Claim 14 recites that the first laser beam has a wavelength of 308 nm and the second laser beam has a wavelength of 532 nm. The cited references fail to consider these technical features. Accordingly, Applicant submits that the present invention distinguishes over the cited references.

With regard to the specific rejection of claims 18-22 and 31-40 over the two Yamazaki et al. references and Kato et al., there is no reason that one of ordinary skill in the art would combine these references to achieve the invention of these claims, namely, irradiating the first crystal and semiconductor film with a second laser beam to form a second crystalline semiconductor film and patterning the second crystalline semiconductor film into a crystal and semiconductor island. Accordingly, Applicants submits that these claims are also allowable.

Accordingly, Applicant submits that the application is in condition for allowance, and an early Office Action indicating the allowability of all the pending claims is earnestly requested.

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